

**State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation**

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
1416 Ninth Street
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Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

PROJECT TITLE: Limited Access Road Lease - Cingular Wireless

LOCATION: Benicia State Recreation Area

COUNTY: Solano

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Enter into a limited access lease with Cingular Wireless and its contractors to allow annual and emergency maintenance access to an existing Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) in-holding within the boundaries of Benicia State Recreation Area, for the purpose of maintaining cellular antennas and microwave equipment at that location. Access will be authorized along an existing gravel road, for a distance of approximately one-third mile; access to the road is through an existing gate at the intersection with South Regata Drive. Cingular Wireless will contribute to on-going maintenance of the road. The lease will authorize regular maintenance trips (approximately two trips per year) and unrestricted emergency access. Use for other than normal maintenance activities would require prior approval from DPR. No heavy vehicles or equipment will travel the road in winter, when road is wet. If emergency access is required in wet conditions, Cingular will repair the road at their expense. All traffic will remain within the graveled roadbed.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Diablo Vista District

EXEMPT STATUS:

☒ Categorical Exemption Class: 5 Section: 15305

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of minor alterations to land use limitations in areas with an average slope of less than 20%, which will not result in any changes in land use or density, and is included as "issuance of rights-of-way and use permits" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR §15300.2.

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